

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 638. A bill to provide grants to promote financial and economic literacy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 639. A bill to amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 640. A bill to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 641. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dehydroepiandrosterone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 642. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish registries of members and former members of the Armed Forces exposed in the line of duty to occupational and environmental health chemical hazards, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide health care to veterans exposed to such hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 643. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions for children in group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 644. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after Sep-

tember 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 645. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 646. A bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 647. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 648. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 649. A bill to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the national telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 650. A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive bonuses paid by, and received from, companies receiving Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the amount of nonqualified deferred compensation that employees of such companies may defer from taxation, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 652. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to community health coalitions to assist in the development of integrated health care delivery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 653. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 654. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 656. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 657. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 658. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 659. A bill to improve the teaching and learning of American history and civics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 660. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 661. A bill to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 662. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 663. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.